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SUBJECT: SOVIET-OCCIDENTAL AMMONIA AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 307294

1. PARA 6A OF PRESS GUIDANCE SUPPLIED REFTEL SHOULD BE
REVISED AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: PRIVATE EAST-WEST TRANSACTIONS, SUCH AS THE
OCCIDENTAL AMMONIA DEAL, MAY BE IN PART A RESULT OF THE
IMPROVEMENT IN RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND U.S.S.R. IN
RECENT YEARS. HOWEVER, USG DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE
OCCIDENTAL NEGOTIATIONS AND DOES NOT KNOW KEY DETAILS OF
THE RESULTING CONTRACTS. END QUOTE.

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2. FOR EMBASSY ONLY: REFTEL OVERLOOKED ONE UNUSUAL ASPECT
OF SOVIET-OCCIDENTAL AMMONIA AGREEMENT WHICH COULD MAKE
GUIDANCE SUPPLIED REFTEL SOUND DISINGENUOUS, ALTHOUGH IT IS
LITERALLY CORRECT. FOLLOWING OCCIDENTAL'S BASIC AGREEMENT
IN APRIL 1973, WHICH INCLUDED NO SPECIFIC CONTRACTS,

SECRETARY OF COMMERCE DENT EXCHANGED LETTERS WITH SOVIET
DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE ALKHIMOV ON JUNE 1, 1973.
IN THE LETTERS THE TWO GOVERNMENTS NOTED THAT, "ASSUMING
COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS," THEY SEE "NO IMPEDI-
MENT" TO THE APRIL 1973 AGREEMENT. THE EXCHANGE OF LETTERS
HAD BEEN SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED BY BOTH OCCIDENTAL AND THE
SOVIET UNION IN HOPES THAT THIS LARGE-SCALE, LONG-TERM
DEAL WOULD NOT BE THREATENED FOR US FOREIGN POLICY REASONS.
DENT LETTER WAS WRITTEN OUT OF DESIRE TO PROMOTE US EX-
PORTS AND IMPROVE US-USSR RELATIONS, AND WAS NOT AIMED AT
THE MARKET FOR AMMONIA IN THE US OR ELSEWHERE.

3. EMBASSY MAY RESPOND TO PRESS INQUIRIES USING PARA 1
ABOVE, BUT SHOULD NOT INITIATE DISCUSSIONS ON THIS SUBJECT.

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